



Geographical Indication Product Database - Step 1-

Gamalost

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DESCRIPTION :

1. **NAME OF PRODUCT :** *Gamalost from Vik*

2. **COUNTRY AND REGION IN THE COUNTRY:** Norway – Vik region – Sogn and Fjordane (western Norway)

3. **TYPE OF PRODUCT : (including the possible substitutes and imitations of the product)**

Gamalost is an old brown cheese.

4. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS AREA (including its specific characteristics, conditions of production, main differences with the substitutes) :**

Gamalost (old cheese) is a traditional product primarily known from the western part of Norway.

The cheese is brownish, has a sharp flavour and is today ripened by the mould species *Mucor mucedo*. Traditionally the cheese used to have a variety of moulds, often including some of the *Penicillium* type, which gave the cheeses a blue or greenish colour in the centre (Fosså 2000). Despite its name, Gamalost is ready to consume after a couple of weeks.

5. **LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA (tradition, know how, reputation, soil, climate, etc.):**

Initially the cheese was made in the summer when milk cows were held at mountain farms. The milk was at this time processed at the mountain farms which was less time consuming than to transport the milk from the mountain and down to the village. After separating the milk the dairy maids made Gamalost from the skimmed milk and butter from the cream..

6. **PRODUCTION SYSTEM / SUPPLY CHAIN (some data about the number of producers, processors, market structure..) :**

Since 1991 Vik dairy has been the only dairy plant to produce Gamalost

One product, 3 forms: a small portion (125g) and a bigger (350g).

The last one is also to be found in slices with fresh cheeses.

96 % of the Gamalost is distributed through grocery stores

Gamalost is a highly standardized product




7. **MARKET AND REPUTATION (size, price premium, attractiveness, growth) :**

The market is progressively decreasing since 80's

7. **APPLICANT / HOLDER (IF ANY) :**

Vik dairy

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<p>RELEVANCE : Why is this case important for research in general and for SINER-GI in particular ?</p> <p>PDO application in 2005. Was rejected, and transformed into a PGI application.</p> <p>No result yet.</p>		
<p>CATEGORY :</p> <p>.Origin Product</p>	<p>x GI product</p>	<p>x Recognized GI</p>